



June 25, 2018

Via Email to Clerk to the Board: Tammie.Olson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Re: June 29, 2018 Agenda Item 19—2019 Board Calendar and Meeting Location

Dear Mr. Robertson and Water Board Members:

We appreciate the scheduling improvements that have been implemented in past years. We recognize that Region 3 is diverse in its issues, along with the location of its stakeholders and Board members. To facilitate stakeholder engagement and participation we would like to respectfully request the following for the mutual benefit all stakeholders and members of the public:

1. Develop and implement the capacity for remote viewing and testimony from the San Luis Obispo Water Board office for away meetings (Watsonville and Santa Barbara). If this is not possible in 2019, a Salinas meeting location instead of Watsonville would also be preferable to reduce travel time and the need for overnight accommodation for those traveling from the southern portion of Region 3.
2. It would also be helpful to utilize language similar to the Public Forum language to notice agenda items that will not be heard before 1:30 pm on a particular day. This would provide greater certainty in scheduling.
3. We suggest replacing one of the Santa Barbara meetings with a San Luis Obispo meeting location. Since San Luis Obispo is more centrally located in the Region, this would result in significantly reduced travel time and need for overnight accommodation for the Water Board staff, our Association staff and members, and those traveling from the northern portion of Region 3.
4. It would also be helpful to schedule the meetings on a set recurring schedule. For example, our Board of Directors currently meets on the third Thursday of the month and the draft Water Board meeting schedule for 2019 would result in conflicts for half of the meetings. A recurring Water Board meeting schedule, such as the second or fourth Thursday and Friday of the month, would allow for us to make arrangements for other recurring meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of these suggestions to facilitate stakeholder participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claire Wineman".

Claire Wineman
President